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SUBJECT: KUWAIT MEDIA REACTION - IRAN, IRAQ, U.S. POLICY AND  
PRESIDENT BUSH SPEECH

BLOCK QUOTES

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SUNDAY, JULY 22, 2007

-- UNDER THE HEADLINE, "IRAN AND MUSCLE FLEXING," POLITICAL SCIENCE  
PROFESSOR AT KUWAIT UNIVERSITY DR. NOOR M. AL HABASHY WROTE IN THE  
PRO-GOVERNMENT ARABIC DAILY AL SEYASSAH, (07/22):

"WE ARE NOT AGAINST IRAN. HOWEVER, WE ARE OPPOSED TO ITS CONTENTION  
THAT ANOTHER ARAB COUNTRY, SUCH AS BAHRAIN, IS NOT ARAB, THAT ITS  
EXISTENCE IS ILLEGITIMATE, AND THAT IT BELONGS TO IRAN. WE ALSO  
OPPOSE THE IRANIAN CLAIM THAT THE ISLANDS OF THE ARAB EMIRATES  
BELONG TO IRAN... WE KNOW THAT IRAN IS PLAYING A HEAD GAME WITH US,  
SIMILAR TO THE GAME THEY PLAYED WITH IRAQ. THE QUESTION IS, WHEN  
WILL THE PLAY BEGIN, AND WHEN WILL IRAN BEGIN FLEXING ITS MUSCLE? "

-- THE MODERATE ARAB DAILY AL RAI PUBLISHED AN OP-ED BY ALI MOHAMMAD  
AL FAIROZ HEADLINED, "BRITISH-AMERICAN WITHDRAWAL IS INEVITABLE"  
(07/22):

"THERE IS PUBLIC CONSENSUS IN BRITAIN AND AMERICA THAT THEIR TROOPS  
SHOULD WITHDRAW FROM IRAQ. THIS IS A HARD BLOW TO U.S. PRESIDENT  
BUSH AND PRIME MINISTER GORDON BROWN WHO BOTH FACE ENORMOUS PRESSURE  
FROM THEIR PEOPLE. SO WOULD THE AMERICAN AND BRITISH GOVERNMENTS  
WITHDRAW THEIR TROOPS UNDER THESE PRESSURES? OR IS THE NEW  
AMERICAN-BRITISH STRATEGY OF MAINTAINING PEACE AND STABILITY IN IRAQ  
ABOVE ALL OTHER CONSIDERATIONS?"

-- DAILY AL WASAT PUBLISHED AN OPINION BY DR. IBRAHIM AL-HADBAN  
HEADLINED, "HOW TO COMPETE WITH JEWS WITHIN THE AMERICAN  
ADMINISTRATION"

"FORMER PRESIDENT CLINTON'S ADMINISTRATION WAS DELUGED WITH JEWS,  
JUST AS THE CURRENT ADMINISTRATION IS FULL OF AMERICAN JEWS... THIS  
MEANS THAT AMERICAN DECISIONS WILL ALWAYS TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION  
ISRAEL'S INTERESTS AND NOT THE INTERESTS OF ARABS AND MUSLIMS.  
MOREOVER, ALL FUTURE ADMINISTRATIONS, SO LONG AS JEWISH  
DECISION-MAKERS ARE IN CONTROL, WILL SEEK TO DEMEAN ARAB AND ISLAMIC  
COUNTRIES..."

-- UNDER THE HEADLINE "PEACE: VISIONS OF BUSH AND AL-HASSAN BIN  
TALAL," AHMAD HUSSEIN WROTE IN DAILY AL WAST (7/22):

"I WAS DISAPPOINTED AFTER LISTENING TO PRESIDENT BUSH'S LATEST  
SPEECH [ON ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN PEACE TALKS]. WILL THE CONFERENCE  
THAT HE HAS PROPOSED PRODUCE LEGALLY BINDING COMMITMENTS OR JUST  
POLITICAL DEALS? PRINCE HASSAN [BIN TALAL OF JORDAN] RECENTLY

ANNOUNCED A LEGITIMATE PROJECT FOR PEACE BY INTRODUCING A LAW FOR  
PEACE IN ORDER TO CREATE A CHARTER FOR STABILITY."

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